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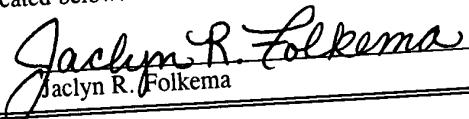
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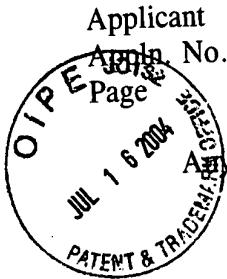
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| For | : | PLASTIC MATERIAL |

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Response and Amendment to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004.
Also enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Art, along with the \$55.00 filing fee, Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), and \$27.00 fee for three additional claims. The items checked below are appropriate:



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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Col. 1 | | Col. 2 | Col. 3 | Small Entity | | Other Than A Small Entity | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Add'l Fee | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total Claims | * 34 | Minus | ** 31 | = 3 | x \$9 | \$ 27 | X \$ 18 | \$ 0 |
| Independent Claims | * 3 | Minus | *** 3 | = 0 | x \$43 | \$ 0 | X \$ 86 | \$ 0 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$145 | | | | | \$ | | X \$290 | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$ 27 | | | \$ 0 |

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$27.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this Response is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed.
- Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 16 2463.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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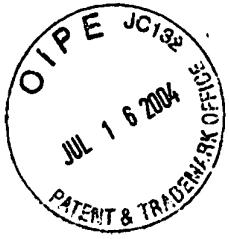
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004, Applicant hereby amends the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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